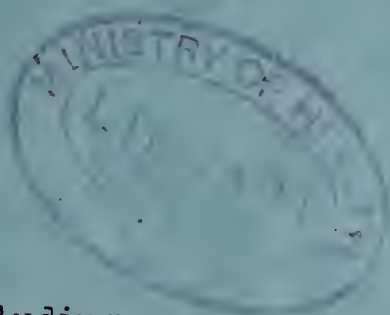


RURAL DISTRICT OF POCKLINGTON.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
(W. WILSON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.)

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Including  
  
THE REPORT OF  
THE SANITARY INSPECTOR  
(F. HOLMAN, C.R.S.I.)

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For the Year 1952.



POCKLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Public Health Officers of the Authority:

Medical Officer of Health:

W. WILSON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector (and Surveyor):

J. M. MURDIE, C.R.S.I.

(Retired 25th October, 1952)

F. HOLMAN, C.R.S.I.

(Appointed 26th October, 1952)

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The School Clinic,  
County Primary School,  
POCKLINGTON.

To: The Chairman and Members of the  
Rural District Council of Pocklington.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District for the year 1952.

I should like to take this opportunity of paying tribute to Mr. Murdie, who served the Council as Sanitary Inspector for thirty-three years prior to his retirement in October. Mr. Holman, the Council's Additional Sanitary Inspector, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

I should like to thank all members of the staff for their ready assistance, and to express to all members of the Council my thanks for the help they have given me during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Wm WILSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS  
OF THE AREA.

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Area (in acres)	101,521.
Number of inhabited houses (approx.)	4,668.
Registrar-General's estimate of home population	14,980.
Rateable Value	£52,929.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£208.0.0.

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VITAL STATISTICS

	M.	F.	Total
Live Births:-			
Legitimate	120	92	212
Illegitimate	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>125</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>220</u>
Birth Rate ... ..			14.7 per 1,000.
Illegitimate Rate ... ..			3.6% of total births.
Still Births ... ..			4.
Rate per 1,000 of the population			0.26.
Deaths of infants under one year			4.
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks			3.
Infant Mortality ... ..			18.2 per 1,000 births.
	M.	F.	Total
Deaths	104	69	173
Death rate per 1,000			11.5.



Comparative Table of Birth and Death Rates  
during the Year 1952.

	Live Birth (Rates per 1,000 civilian population)	Still Birth	Deaths	Deaths of children under one year of age, per 1,000 registered live births.
England and Wales	15.3	0.35	11.3	27.6
160 C.B.s and Great Towns including London	16.9	0.43	12.1	31.2
160 Smaller Towns	15.5	0.36	11.2	25.8
London Admin. County	17.6	0.34	12.6	23.8

Table of Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates

Pocklington R.D.C.

Year	Crude Birth Rate	Corrected Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Corrected Death Rate	Infant Mortality
1948	16.35		8.8		22.7
1949	17.2		12.4		40.3
1950	17.7	20.7	12.0	12.24	31.0
1951	13.9	16.3	12.1	12.34	51.4
1952	14.7	17.05	11.5	11.7	18.2

Table showing causes of death in Pocklington R.D.C., 1952.

					Male	Female	Total.
	All Causes				104	69	173
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	1	-	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	1	-	1
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	-	-	-
8.	Measles	...	...	...	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	1	-	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	2	-	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	-	1	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	-	3	3
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	10	6	16
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	1	1	2
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	14	16	30
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	21	10	31
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	3	3	6
20.	Other heart diseases	...	...	...	9	10	19
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	7	2	9
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	-	1	1
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	3	2	5
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	4	3	7
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	2	-	2
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	-	1	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	1	-	1
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	2	2	4
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	2	-	2
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	-	1	1
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	-	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	7	5	12
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	4	1	5
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	8	1	9
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	1	-	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	-	-	-



Table Showing Age and Sex  
Distribution of Deaths during 1952.

						M.	F.	Total.
0- 1 year	..	..	..	..	..	4	-	4
1- 4 years	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
5-14 years	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4
15-24 years	..	..	..	..	..	6	-	6
25-44 years	..	..	..	..	..	6	3	9
45-54 years	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	8
55-64 years	..	..	..	..	..	14	10	24
65-74 years	..	..	..	..	..	19	15	34
75+	..	..	..	..	..	45	39	84
Totals:						104	69	173

Prevalence of, and Control Over, Infectious Disease.

The following cases of infectious disease have been notified during the year:-

Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	3 cases.
Measles	..	..	..	..	20 cases
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	5 cases.
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	1 case.
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	6 cases.
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	..	..	..	1 case.

Tuberculosis.

Seven new cases of Tuberculosis (2 male and 5 female) were notified or came to notice during the year.

There was one death from pulmonary tuberculosis.

At the end of 1952, cases on the Tuberculosis Register were as follows:-

Pulmonary Males	..	..	..	..	25.
Non-pulmonary Males	..	..	..	..	6.
Pulmonary Females	..	..	..	..	19.
Non-pulmonary Females	..	..	..	..	18.
Total:					68.

### Vaccination against Smallpox.

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the 1952:

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1 year	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Totals
Number vaccinated	72	-	5	-	4	81
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	1	4	15	20

### Immunisation against Diphtheria.

These tables give details of children who have completed a course of immunisation against diphtheria:

- (a) Number of children at 31st December, 1952, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1938).

Age at 31.12.52. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1952	1 1951	2 1950	3 1949	4 1948	5 to 9 1943-1947	10 to 14 1938-1942	Total Under 15.
Number immunised	7	110	164	167	187	922	641	2,198.

- (b) Number of children immunised during the year ended 31st December, 1952. (Figures also included in (a) above.)

Under 5.	5 to 14.	Total.	Boosters
118	4	122	60.

The population in the age group 0 - 14 has been estimated to be 3,426. This means that at least 64% of children living in the district are protected against diphtheria.

### General Provision of Health Services in the District.

**NURSING.** A domiciliary nursing and midwifery service is available throughout the District as part of the County Council Scheme, under the National Health Service Act.

District Nurse/Midwives are stationed at Pocklington, Shiptonthorpe, Wilberfoss, Driffild and Harlthorpe near Foggathorpe.

**LABORATORY FACILITIES.** Bacteriological samples are examined at the Public Health Laboratory situated at Hull.

Routine samples of water are sent to this Laboratory for examination.

AMBULANCE SERVICE. Ambulances based at Pocklington and Market Weighton are available.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS. Child Welfare Clinics are held fortnightly at Pocklington and Market Weighton, and monthly at Stamford Bridge, Warton and Melbourne.

An Ophthalmic Clinic is held monthly in Pocklington.

Orthopaedic Clinics are held at York, Drifffield and Beverley.

Tuberculosis Clinics are held at Drifffield, Beverley and York.

Venereal Diseases Clinics are held at York and Hull.

HOSPITALS. General medical and surgical cases are admitted to hospitals at York and Beverley.

Maternity cases go to Westow, Drifffield or Beverley.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It has not been necessary to take any action under Section 47 of this Act during the year.

#### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

##### Water Supply.

Pocklington, Market Weighton and Goodmanham receive their supplies from private undertakings and the water from these, and the principal Council undertakings is chlorinated.

Work in connection with the Agricultural Extensions which started in the Summer of 1951 continued, but, due to the slow delivery of pipes, a delay was caused and the work was still in progress at the end of the year. By then, however, the majority of the work had been completed and many farmers had taken advantage of the new mains for farm and field connections.

During the year, the laying of two co-ordination mains was proceeded with and at the end of the year all the piping had been laid and chlorination of the mains was taking place. The neighbouring Authorities of Howden and Beverley will benefit from the increased supply in these mains.

The existing supply to neighbouring Authorities and throughout the area was well maintained during the year. 96 water connections were made and the total of metered supplies is now 900.

One hundred and ninety-two samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year. The following is a detailed analysis of the reports:-



(a) Kirby Underdale Regional Supply

Untreated Water:-

Satisfactory	....	....	....	6.
Unsatisfactory	....	....	....	6.

Chlorinated Water:-

Satisfactory	....	....	....	26.
Unsatisfactory	....	....	....	5.

(b) Millington Regional Supply

Untreated Water:-

Satisfactory	....	....	....	12.
Unsatisfactory	....	....	....	-.

Chlorinated Water:-

Satisfactory	....	....	....	34.
Unsatisfactory	....	....	....	5.

(c) Warter Regional Supply.

Untreated Water:-

Satisfactory	....	....	....	10.
Unsatisfactory	....	....	....	-.

Chlorinated Water:-

Satisfactory	....	....	....	29.
Unsatisfactory	....	....	....	-.

(d) Pocklington Water Company.

Chlorinated Water:-

Satisfactory	....	....	....	19.
Unsatisfactory	....	....	....	4.

(e) Market Weighton Water Company.

Untreated Water:-

Satisfactory	....	....	....	10.
Unsatisfactory	....	....	....	1.

Chlorinated Water:-

Satisfactory	....	....	....	12.
Unsatisfactory	....	....	....	5.

(f) Miscellaneous Samples.

Satisfactory	....	....	....	6.
Unsatisfactory	....	....	....	2.

Particulars of the number of dwellinghouses and the number of the population supplied from public water mains (a) direct to the houses, (b) by means of stand pipes and (c) from other private sources, are set out in the following table.

Parish	No. of Houses	Cat. 1 Number supplied direct from Public Main.	Cat. 2. Number supplied from Standpipes	Cat. 3. Number supplied from other private sources	Population figures for respective categories		
					Cat. 1.	Cat. 2.	Cat. 3.
Allerthorpe	49	49	Nil	Nil	225	-	-
Barnby Moor	167	165	Nil	2	528	-	10
Bielby	51	51	Nil	Nil	178	-	-
Bishop Wilton	147	136	Nil	9	500	-	22
Bugthorpe	47	44	Nil	3	160	-	14
Catton	71	62	Nil	5	250	-	27
Cottingham	78	75	Nil	3	290	-	12
Everingham	81	80	Nil	1	307	-	5
Fangfoss	85	82	Nil	3	385	-	-
Full Sutton	39	33	Nil	Nil	1490	inc. R.A.F. Camp	50
Goodmanham	80	60	Nil	16	183	Private Supply	-
Hayton	85	84	Nil	Nil	308	-	-
Huggate	102	102	Nil	Nil	348	-	-
Kirby Underdale	46	18	Nil	28	130	Estate Supply	52
Londesborough	70	60	Nil	10	186	-	50
Market Weighton	672	636	Nil	21	2035	-	45
G/Fd	1870	1737	Nil	101	7503	-	314



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					Cat. 1.	Cat. 2.	Cat. 3.
B/Fd	1870	1737	Nil	101	7503	-	287
Melbourne	133	133	Nil	-	493	-	-
Millington	76	73	Nil	2	226	-	9
Nunburnholme	67	60	Nil	7	186	-	30
Pocklington	999	976	Nil	3	3293	-	20
Sancton	96	72	8	14	303	40	30
Seaton Ross	127	103	Nil	21	319	-	66
Shiptonthorpe	134	125	Nil	7	392	-	28
Skirpenbeck	24	19	Nil	5	74	-	20
South Cliffe	43	38	Nil	Nil	147	-	-
Stamford Bridge	174	172	Nil	2	548	-	4
Sutton/Derwent	89	87	Nil	2	318	-	12
Thornton	38	37	Nil	1	136	-	2
Warter	88	60	Nil	20	226	-	73
Wilberfoss	199	192	Nil	7	633	-	15
Yapham	56	51	Nil	5	172	-	19
	4213	3935	8	197	14969	40	615

## Public Cleansing.

The collection of house refuse is carried out weekly in two parishes, Market Weighton and Pocklington, and fortnightly throughout the remaining parishes.

With the exception of Market Weighton, where refuse collection is carried out by a Contractor, the district is served by two side-loading vehicles of 7 cubic yards capacity with 2 loaders and a driver loader on each. Three tips are used to dispose of the refuse.

During the first three months of the year, much waste paper was salvaged and sent to the Mills, but the demand stopped abruptly and it became increasingly difficult to get rid of this material. Prices fell and it became an uneconomical procedure to the extent that very little collecting of waste paper was done towards the end of the year. The financial return for the amount disposed of was £376. 17. 7d.

## Sewage Disposal.

In the early part of the year, work was commenced on the construction of a new disposal works at Bishop Wilton.

## Housing.

During the year under review, the Council made preparations for a speed up in housing and layouts were prepared for the erection of 172 houses in the parishes of Pocklington, Market Weighton and Stamford Bridge. It is hoped that approximately 60 will be erected and occupied before the end of 1953.

Visits of inspection were made to a number of houses occupied by tenants who were applicants for Council Houses. Some houses were found to be in very poor condition and were earmarked for action when the housing situation improves. In other cases, minor repairs were carried out by informal action.

It is probable that the increased rate of house building and the provision of houses in bulk as proposed for 1953, will make great inroads on the Council's housing list and by the end of the next year it may be possible to start rehousing people from areas where the houses are ripe for demolition.

All complaints were investigated and informal action taken in all cases.

No application for Improvement Grants under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1949 was received.

## New Housing.

During the year, 26 permanent houses were completed by the Council and 14 houses completed by Private Enterprise. A further 30 houses were under construction at the end of the year.

Since the end of hostilities, 453 houses of the following types have been built by the Council:

Traditional Brick Houses	...	...	300.
Airey Prefabricated Houses	...	...	100.
Swedish Timber Houses	...	...	8.
Temporary Houses, Aluminium	...	...	45.
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The above houses have been erected in the following parishes:

Parish	No. of Houses		
	Pre-War	Post-War	
		Perm.	Temp. Bung.
Allerthorpe	4	4	-
Barnby Moor	-	16	-
Bielby	4	-	-
Bishop Wilton	8	18	-
Catton	-	10	-
Cliffe	-	4*	-
Cottingham	-	10	-
Everingham	-	8*	-
Fangfoss	8	18*	-
Full Sutton	-	-	-
Goodmanham	12	4	-
Hayton	8	8	-
Huggate	-	10	-
Market Weighton	84	66	15
Melbourne	4	6	-
Millington	-	6	-
Nunburnholme	8	-	-
Pocklington	28	103	30
Sancton	12	12	-
Seaton Ross	-	8	-
Shiptonthorpe	-	18*	-
Skirpenbeck	-	6	-
Stamford Bridge	-	22	-
Sutton-on-Derwent	-	26*	-
Thornton	8	-	-
Wilberfoss	4	32*	-
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			45
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\* Includes War Agricultural Cottages.

At the end of the year, there were approximately 390 applicants for Council houses.



### Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.

Number of licences issued by the District Council under these Regulations	... ..	1.
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### Meat and Other Foods.

Meat Shops, Stalls, etc -

Number of inspections	... ..	33.
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### Ice-Cream Premises.

Number of manufacturers of ice-cream	.... ....	1.
Number of purveyors only	... ..	20.
Number of inspections	... ..	40.
Has any special action been necessary in connection with any class of food premises?	... ..	No.

### Unsound Food.

229 tins of fruit, vegetables, soup, meat, sausages, evaporated milk and 98 lbs of cow heel, tripe and bacon have been condemned as unfit for human consumption.

### Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

There are forty-eight registered Slaughtermen on the Council's Register. No new application was received during the year.

### Rodent Control.

All cases of complaint received were dealt with any many routine treatments at the Council's tips and sewage works carried out. Several business premises were inspected and disinfection measures taken where necessary. The cost was recovered in these cases.

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